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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

MYSORE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

Notification D. No. 114, *dated* 17*th June* 1927.

It is hereby notified for general information that schools included in the statement published herewith are authorised to prepare and present candidates for the several Examinations of 1928 noted against them in the statement.

Institutions other than those included in the list are not permitted to present candidates for the Examination as school candidates. Candidates from such Institutions may however present themselves for the Examination as private candidates provided they satisfy the rules in all respects.

All correspondence relating to this matter should be addressed to the Inspecting Officers in direct charge of the schools.

STATEMENT.

No.	Institution	Government aided or unaided	Examinations for which candidates may be sent up from the institution
1	Government Training College, Mysore.	Government ...	(1) T. C. Examinations :— (*a*) Secondary Grade. (*b*) Upper Secondary Grade. (*c*) Lower Secondary Grade. (2) Vernacular U. S. Examination. (3) Pandit's Examination. (4) Moulvi's Examination.
2	District Normal School, Bangalore.	do ...	(1) T. C. Examination—L. S. T. Grade.
3	District Normal School, Kolar.	do ...	do do
4	District Normal School, Hassan.	do ...	do do
5	District Normal School, Chitaldrug.	do ...	do do
6	District Normal School, Tumkur.	do ...	(1) do do (2) Vernacular U. S. Examination.
7	District Normal School, Shimoga.	do ...	(1) T. C. Examination—L. S. T. Grade. (2) Vernacular U. S. Examination.
8	Wesleyan Mission Normal School for Men, Tumkur.	Unaided ...	(1) T. C. Examination—L. S. T. Grade.
9	Maharani's High School, Mysore.	Government ...	(1) T. C. Examinations :— (*a*) Upper Secondary Grade. (*b*) Lower Secondary Grade. (2) Vernacular U. S. Examination.
10	Government Zenana Normal School, Mysore.	do ...	(1) T. C. Examination :—L. S. T. Grade
11	Wesleyan Mission Normal School for Women, Bangalore.	Aided ...	(1) T. C. Examination :—L. S. T. Grade.

Notification D. No. 117, *dated* 18*th June* 1927.

The Proficiency Examination in Kannada for Non-Gazetted Officers in the Education Department on a pay of Rs. 100 and over whose mother tongue is not Kannada or who are of foreign nationality, will be held in the Office of the Inspector-General of Education, New

Public Office Buildings, Cenotaph Road, Bangalore, at 12 noon, on Friday the 2nd September, 1927, and continued on the 3rd September 1927 if necessary.

I. (*a*) Standard of Examination :—

1. Reading fluently and construing with readiness and accuracy not less than an ordinary octavo page of Kathamanjari. Marks 100

2. Translating accurately and with correctness of Idiom and Grammar, a passage in narrative or Historical style from English to Kannada. Marks 100

3. Reading and translating readily and correctly Kannada manuscripts which may be selected from the proceedings of a case in court, from Reports and Arzis addressed to Civil Authorities, from letters passing between the Natives of India in the ordinary course of business or from private correspondence. These manuscripts should not be written with the clearness of a printed book nor yet in a cramped or crabbed hand, but in such a manner as fairly to represent the written characters as they are practically formed in the Province. Marks 100

4. Conversing with the examiners or with one or more natives of Mysore, with fluency and with such correctness of pronunciation, grammar and idiom as to be at once intelligible. Marks 100

(*b*) No candidate will be held to have passed this standard who has not obtained half the maximum marks on the whole, and half the maximum marks in the Colloquial Examination.

(*c*) European officers and officers of other foreign nationality will be exempted from the portion of the examination (*vide* I(*a*) 3), relating to Reading of manuscripts.

II. The date for receiving applications from candidates for the examination is the 31st July 1927. Application forms for admission can be obtained from the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Boards, Bangalore, to whom they should be sent after they are filled up.

Notification D. No. 116, *dated* 18*th June* 1927.

The following modifications in and additions to the rules for the Vernacular Upper Secondary Examination published in Notification D. No. 43, dated the 15th October 1924 and D. No. 68, dated the 30th December 1926, are published for general information. They will take effect immediately :—

Present Rule	Modified Rule
Cl. X Paras 4 *and* 5.—	
4. To pass in Group A only a candidate should obtain not less than 40 per cent of the maximum marks for the First language and not less than 40 per cent of the total maximum for all subjects of that group.	To pass in 'A' group only a candidate should obtain not less than 40 per cent of the maximum marks for the First language, 35 per cent of the total marks in each of the other subjects forming that group and 40 per cent of the total maximum for all the subjects of that group.
5. To pass in B Group only, a candidate should obtain not less than 40 per cent of the maximum marks for any one subject of the Group and not less than 40 per cent of the total maximum for all the subjects of Group B.	To pass in Group 'B' only a candidate should obtain not less than 40 per cent of the maximum marks in any one subject of the group 'B' 35 per cent of the marks in the remaining two subjects and 40 per cent of the total maximum for all the subjects of Group B.
Cl. VI. 2	Add to Cl. VI. 2.
	Candidates appearing for the Vernacular Upper Secondary Examination by private study are exempted from offering Sanskrit or Persian or English as II language if they have passed the L. S. Examination taking these subjects as their first language. Exemptions under this rule should be applied for before the first November preceding the Examination.

N. S. SUBBA RAO,
Offg. *Inspector-General of Education.*

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXT BOOK COMMITTEE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE, BANGALORE, ON THURSDAY THE 4TH OCTOBER 1926 AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT.

1. Mr. K. Matthan, B.A., Inspector-General of Education (President).
2. „ B. Tirumalachar, Assistant Inspector-General of Education (Vice-President).
3. „ R. Jagannatha Rao, B.A., L.T., Secretary, Local Examinations Boards.
4. „ Aga Mahomed Abbas Shustry.
5. Miss. M. L. Butler, B.A.
6. Pandit K. R. Chakravarthi.
7. Mr. R. V. Krishnaswami Iyer, B.A.
8. „ A. R. Krishna Sastry, M.A.
9. „ K. N. Kini, M.A.
10. „ K. Krishna Rao, B.A., L.T.
11. Miss. Z. Lazarus, B.A., L.T.
12. Mr. Mahomed Davud, B.A.
13. „ M. T. Narayana Iyengar, M.A.
14. „ R. Narasimhachar, M.A.
15. Dr. S. Paul Chinnappa, M.A., L.T., Ph.D.
16. Mr. B. Puttaiya, B.A.
17. „ A. K. Syed Taj Peeran, B.A.
18. Sri Srirangamma, B.A.
19. Dr. M. A. Sampath Kumaran, M.A., Ph.D.
20. Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya, M.A., L.T.
21. „ S. Sivaraman, M.A., L.T.
22. „ M. S. Mohiyuddin, M.A., LL.B., M.Ed.
23. „ M. Sivarama Krishna Iyer, B.A.
24. „ S. G. Sastry, B.A., M.Sc.
25. Moulvi Sultan Mohamed Khan.
26. Mr. B. Venkatesachar, M.A.
27. „ D. Venkataramaiya, B.A., L.T.
28. „ M. Venkatasubbaiya, B.A.
29. „ T. S. Venkannaiya, M.A.
30. „ H. K. Veerabasavaiya, B.A., B.L.
31. Sri Nagamma, M.A., L.T.
32. Mr. A. N. Narasimhaiya, B.A., L.T. (Secretary).

ABSENT.

1. Mr. Abdul Rahiman, B.A.
2. „ K. A. Krishnaswamy Iyer, B.A.
3. „ B. Krishnappa, M.A.
4. „ B. Mohamed Beig, B.A.
5. Sri K. D. Rukminiamma, B.A.
6. Mr. S. Rama Rao, B.A.
7. Mr. V. Subrahmanya Iyer, B.A.
8. Moulvi Syed Abdul Jabbar.
9. Pandit T. Srinivasa Raghavachar.
10. Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, B.A.
11. „ C. R. Narayana Rao, M.A., L.T.
12. Mrs. M. C. Noronha, L.R.C.P., Etc.

Messrs. B. Abdul Rahiman, B. Krishnappa, S. Rama Rao, V. Subrahmanya Iyer and Pandit T. Srinivasa Raghavachar wrote letters expressing their inability to attend the meeting.

The President in his opening speech said :—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have much pleasure in welcoming you to another annual meeting of the Text Book Committee. Since we last met, the hand of death has snatched away from our midst one of our distinguished members, Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, who was for a long time a member of this Committee and who, in the midst of the multifarious duties of his high office, placed his great scholarship at the disposal of the Committee by serving on the Telugu Sub-Committee and actively participating in its work. I believe I shall be only voicing the sentiments of the whole Committee when I express our sincere sympathy with his family in their bereavement.

The Telugu Sub-Committee has sustained another grievous loss by its Chairman Mr. B. Krishnappa, having been compelled to proceed on leave, owing to a physical affliction in which we all deeply sympathise. I am grateful to Mr. T. S. Venkannaiya for valiantly stepping into the breach and carrying on the duties of Chairman, so that the work of this Sub-Committee has gone on uninterruptedly.

The report of the Secretary to the Committee as well as of the Chairmen of the several Sub-Committees has been printed and placed in your hands. Without anticipating the discussions that will arise out of this report, I may be permitted to draw your attention to the enormous increase in the work of reviewing of books submitted to the Committee. The number of books reviewed during the year was 712 as against 380 last year. The heaviest work, as usual, fell on the English, Kannada, and History and Geography Sub-Committees; but almost all the Sub-Committees have got through most of the work referred to them. I am deeply grateful to all the members including departmental officers and others, officers on the retired list as well as in active service, who have so ungrudgingly devoted their time and energy to this important part of the work of the department of Education.

The number of books submitted for the consideration of the Sub-Committees is very large, and as pointed out in the report of the Chairman of the Urdu Sub-Committee, the books are of varying merit, and some are obviously unsuitable. This is referred to in the report of the Chairman of the History and Geography Sub-Committee also. In accordance with the suggestion of the Chairman of the English Sub-Committee, I have tentatively authorized the Chairmen of the several Sub-Committees to reject books which they find to be so obviously unsuitable as not to require to be placed before the other members. Even this procedure, I feel, throws heavy work on the Chairmen and I invite the suggestions of the Committee as to how best to relieve the Sub-Committees and the Chairmen of ineffectual labour so as to enable them to give more time for the critical examination from the point of view of suitability for educational purposes of really useful books.

During the year I have received some complaints from the general public of some of the Kannada Text books containing passages unsuitable for the use of young children; and of some Geography text books being quite out of date. Action in regard to the latter has already been taken; and as regards the former, I believe the complaint really related to text books of last year. But it shows the extent of care in editing and expurgating old texts which the parents expect of this Committee.

Another old complaint of the public is that text books are too frequently changed. At the instance of the Government the matter was carefully gone into. The proceedings of the committee and of the department do not bear out this complaint. The committee has resolved that, except in language, the same text books should be continued unchanged for at least three years. Investigation by Inspecting Officers of the Department has not brought out any cases of teachers on their own authority changing textbooks. A report to this effect was submitted to Government and I have added that in future even the language text books will not be changed (except for the final examination classes) for a period of three years. This report has been recorded by Government and published in the Gazette and I trust we have satisfied the public that we have done everything necessary to remove all room for dissatisfaction in this respect.

From the point of view of the department the complaint is just the other way,—that most of the text books which are departmental publications have been too long in use and require to be replaced by more up-to-date books or at least substantially revised. This matter was considered by a special committee that we appointed last year, and their report which reached my hands too late to be printed along with the other papers will now be placed before you. I hope that, as a result of our discussions, the way may be made clear for larger enterprise on the part of the authors and publishers in bringing out books suitable for the various standards in accordance with the prescribed syllabuses, so that a sufficient number of up-to-date and suitable text-books may be available for being approved by the committee and the department may gradually withdraw from the publication of text books, the only exception perhaps being in the case of books for the Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary Training classes and some Urdu Books, the demand for which may be too small to induce private persons to bring out and place their works on the market.

It may interest the committee to know that an enterprising publisher in Mysore has brought out a Kannada First Reader, written by an eminent Kannada Scholar, to be used as an alternative to our Balabodhe Parts I and II. The book is attractively got up and well illustrated and for a first venture of the kind is very encouraging; we want more ventures of the kind by authors and publishers both in language and non-language subjects. There is a vast field for enterprise in this direction, especially in the matter of text books in English for junior forms which are now the monopoly of outside publishing houses. In this connection, it appears to me that the resolution adopted by this committee at the last meeting that, in future, manuscripts submitted for review will not be considered requires reconsideration. Unless the Text Book Committee is prepared to review manuscripts, it may be too much to expect authors and publishers, at any rate in the initial stages, to meet the cost of bringing out their books which may not eventually meet with the approval of the committee.

I shall not take up any more time with my general remarks, but will, now, with your permission proceed with the business on the Agenda paper.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of the Secretary's Report. The report had been printed and circulated among the members before hand and it was therefore thought unnecessary to read it again at the meeting.

The President called for remarks if, any, on the Secretary's Report.

Referring to the question of getting up a series of graduated Text Books on Elementary Mathematics in Kannada and Urdu, Mr. M. T. Narayana Iyengar, Chairman of the Mathematics Sub-Committee, read out for the information of the members the correspondence between him and the department on the subject and urged the desirability of the department undertaking the publication of the series.

Mr. Kini drew attention to the unsuitability of the Text Books on Geography now in use and he was informed that the books were under revision.

After some further discussion, the Secretary's Report was adopted.

The reports of the several Sub-Committees were then taken up.

The English Sub-Committee.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya pointed out that there were no suitable Text Books on translation and that the two manuscripts sent for review were not fit for use.

The President said that the Publication Committee also had recommended this and felt that want of adequate attention to translation was a serious defect in Middle Schools and that drill in translation was necessary.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya stated that the Sub-Committees should meet twice a year, once to select books for detailed review and a second time to recommend books for the various classes and examinations.

The Sanskrit Sub-Committee.

The President said that Mr. A. R. Krishna Sastry's suggestion to introduce Sanskrit as one of the second languages in Middle Schools had been negatived by the Local Examinations Board.

The History and Geography Sub-Committee.

Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya pointed out the desirability of having a series of Teachers' Hand-books written up to correspond to the proposed History and Geography Text Books for pupils as there were no books of reference in Kannada for our teachers.

After much discussion in which several members took part, it was suggested that this proposal might be referred to the Methods of Education Sub-Committee.

This was agreed to by the members and it was resolved that Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya's proposition relating to the preparation of Teachers' Hand-books be referred to the Methods of Education Sub-Committee.

The second point in the report of the History and Geography Sub-Committee was that the Chairmen might be given definite discretion to offer their own opinion on certain books without referring them to the members of the Committee for regular review.

With regard to this suggestion, the President said that he had empowered the Chairman of each Sub-Committee to reject books if found unsuitable.

The Report of the Kannada Sub-Committee.

Mr. H. K. Veerabasavaiya desired that the report should be fuller.

Mr. S. G. Sastry spoke on the unsuitability of the 'Sachitra Karnataka Balabodhe' as a textbook and he wanted to know how many of the members had reviewed the book and how many were "for" and "against" it.

Mr. B. Venkatesachar and Mr. R. Narasimhachar took objection to the reading of the opinion of individual members.

At the request of the President the Secretary read out the opinion of individual members.

Mr. K. Srinarasimhiya pointed out that it was a dangerous precedent to give opinions to the publishers beforehand. No member of any Sub-Committee should give his opinion to private people on such matters.

The President said that this should be noted.

The Report of the Urdu Sub-Committee.

Mr. M. S. Mohiyuddin, Chairman of the Urdu, Persian and Arabic Sub-Committee pointed out that it was hard to expect private enterprise to come forward and supply Urdu Text Books. He understood that the general policy was to encourage private enterprise, but he wanted that a different policy should be adopted with regard to Urdu Text Books.

The President remarked that since the number of copies of Urdu Text Books required was too small, these should be published departmentally.

The Report of the Science Sub-Committee.

Mr. B. Venkatesachar, Chairman of the Science Sub-Committee made the following suggestion in his Annual Report :—

That the Chairman of the Science Sub-Committee be authorised to return to the Secretary, Text Book Committee, the books sent for review with the names of the members to whom they should be sent for opinion. The Secretary after getting the opinions of two members on each book will send it back to the Chairman for recording his opinion.

The President agreed with Mr. B. Venkatesachar and it was resolved that the Chairman of each Sub-Committee be authorised to return to the Secretary, Text Book Committee, the books sent for review with the names of the members to whom they should be sent for opinion, so that the Secretary after getting the opinion of two members on each book might send it back to the Chairman for recording his opinion.

The Report of the Methods of Education Sub-Committee.

Mr. K. Srinarasimhaiya wanted to know what had been done in the matter of uniform terminology for educational expressions.

The Secretary said that the question was referred to the Inspector of Secondary and Normal Schools and no reply had been received from him yet.

Mr. S. G. Sastry suggested that a member of the Karnataka Sahitya Parishat might be associated with this.

The President said that the suggestion might be noted.

The Report of the Religious and Moral Instruction Sub-Committee.

Referring to the following statement in his report, Mr. D. Venkataramaiya stated that Religious and Moral Instruction had been neglected and requested the Committee to consider whether to retain the subject and make proper arrangements for its teaching, or to do away with it altogether.

In this connection it may be observed that no serious attempt has been made to place religious and moral education in our schools on a sound basis. If the subject is to continue as an integral part of the curricula of studies, the most essential need seems to be the preparation of text books to be used in different classes. No doubt doctrinal differences among the sub-sects of the Hindus render the task of compiling text books on religious instruction in particular somewhat difficult. But the fundamentals of Sanatana Dharma being common to all Hindus it should be possible to present a system of religious teaching in schools acceptable to all communities among the Hindus.

The President said that the question was being examined by the Board of Education and that its report might be awaited.

The Report of the Telugu Sub-Committee.

Mr. T. S. Venkannaiya, Chairman of the Telugu Sub-Committee, suggested the addition of two more members to the Sub-Committee to facilitate the work of reviewing.

The President said that he would do what was necessary.

The Report of the Physical Culture Sub-Committee.

Mr. C. Subba Rao, Chairman of the Physical Culture Sub-Committee, pointed out certain defects in the constitution of the Sub-Committee and suggested that at least a few of the members of the Sub-Committee might be regular members of the Text Book Committee.

The President said that this would be rectified while reconstituting the Text Book Committee.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Publication Committee, appointed by the Text Book Committee last year. The following are the three resolutions passed by that Committee:—

(1) The Committee are of opinion that the writing and publication of text books be left as far as possible to private enterprise, subject to the condition that they conform fully to departmental requirments. To this end it was resolved that a statement of books required to be written in several subjects for different grades of schools be prepared and advertised in the Gazette and that applications from duly qualified persons be invited, each application to be accompanied by a synopsis of the book to be written and a specimen chapter thereof. The applications may then be referred to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee concerned.

(2) In regard to the prescription of alternative text books with Departmental Publications, the Committee regret to note that there are no good books to choose from and that when the publishers are encouraged to bring out books on the lines of the syllabuses published by the Department, the matter may be taken up.

(3) All private publications in use in the various classes of the Primary and Middle Schools and Upper Secondary Classes are not up to the mark and these should be revised as early as possible.

Dr. Chinnappa suggested that the Report with the lists of books might be referred to the Sub-Committees for opinion.

The Report was discussed for more than an hour and finally it was resolved that :—

(1) it be the declared policy of the department to withdraw as far as possible from the work of publication of text-books, (except text-books for Upper Secondary, Upper Secondary Training, Lower Secondary Training Classes and Urdu Text-books) as private enterprise came forward ;

(2) in the light of the change in policy, manuscripts be accepted for review by the TextBook Committee ;

(3) the lists of books prepared by the Publication Committee be referred to each Sub-Committee for opinion.

(4) the members of the Publication Committee be thanked for the labour bestowed on the work and

(5) copies of the Publication Committee's Report be sent to all the members of the Text-Book Committee.

Additional Propositions.

Mr. S. G. Sastry moved that no book be prescribed as a text-book unless it had been circulated among all the members of the Sub-Committee and approved of by a majority of members at one of the formal meetings.

After very careful consideration it was resolved that no book be prescribed as a text-book unless it had been circulated among all the members of the Sub-Committee and approved of by a majority of the members present at one of the formal meetings excepting Urdu Books and books for the Pandit and Upper Secondary Examinations.

2. Mr. M. Venkatasubbaiya brought forward the following proposition :—

"In view of the paucity of suitable text-books in many subjects in Middle and Primary Schools and the unsuitability of others now in use, the Committee recommends that the publication of text-books in all the subjects for use in these schools may be thrown open to competition by publishing firms, the department defining the syllabuses fully to help the firms in bringing out the books required. If there be more than one book in the field on the same subject, suitable for the purpose, alternative text-books may be prescribed."

Mr. M. Venkatasubbaiya withdrew his proposition as the Publication Committee had dealt with the question.

3. Mr. Davud moved :—

(1) That the appointment of the Urdu Proof Reader may be expedited.

The President replied that the matter was before Government.

(2) That the Urdu and Persian Section of the Education Library might be supplied with more books so as to serve the needs of the Sub-Committee.

The Secretary said that Urdu and Persian Books to the value of Rs. 358 had been purchased for the Educational Library and that if any more books were required, a list might be sent early.

(3) That arrangements be made for retail sale of Urdu publications in the Government Central Book Depot, Bangalore.

The President stated that the matter was being investigated.

(4) That Assistant Masters be represented on the enlarged Text Book Committee.

The President said that no resolution was necessary and the needful would be done while reconstituting the Text-Book Committee and its Sub-Committees.

(5) That a list of text-books be circulated among the High School Head Masters before they are finally approved of by the Committee.

After much discussion, the proposition was put to vote and lost.

(6) That it would be better to prescribe Sanskrit Text-Books (at least additional Sanskrit) as are already published without waiting for departmental publications which often come late, or the authorities may kindly see that such publications are out in time.

When the Chairman of the Sanskrit Sub-Committee explained the situation and assured that portions would be reduced, the proposition was withdrawn.

4. Mr. K. N. Kini moved :—

(1) That in the matter of reviewing books, Rule No. XIII be strictly followed, *i.e.*, opinions of 2 members other than the Chairman be taken.

The President agreed to enforce Rule No. XIII strictly in future.

(2) That the present practice of adopting the reports of Chairmen of Sub-Committees as reports of Sub-Committees themselves be done away with and replaced by reports drafted by the Chairmen in consultation with the respective Sub-Committees themselves.

Several members supported the proposition and it was resolved that the reports of the Sub-Committees be passed in circulation or adopted at a formal meeting by the members of the Sub-Committee in July or August each year.

(3) That instead of the two parts of Geography written on concentric system and prescribed for Middle School students, one book be got written giving more details regarding Mysore in particular and surrounding country in general. In writing about Mysore, copious details may be given regarding its commercial, industrial and agricultural activities.

The President said that that question would be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

(4) That a suitable book on Nature Study be published by the Department for the sake of Primary Schools. Attention need be paid to local conditions in the preparation of this book.

The proposition was put to vote and lost.

The following proposition by Mr. T. S. Venkannaiya was withdrawn :—

"That the Secretary, Text-Book Committee, be entrusted with the work of disposing of such books received for review as are not likely to be prescribed as text-books, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Committee concerned."

The Secretary pointed out the need for the preparation of Text-Books for Rural Primary Schools.

Dr. S. Paul Chinnappa said that that was necessary.

As suggested by Messrs. M. T. Narayana Iyengar, R. Narasimhachar and M. S. Mohiyuddin, it was resolved that Dr. S. Paul Chinnappa be requested to give a note on the subject of separate text-books for Rural Primary Schools.

The President (Mr. K. Matthan) said that that was the last business meeting of that Committee and the Committee was to be reconstituted presently. He thanked the members of the Text Book Committee and Sub-Committees for the labour they had bestowed and for the ungrudging services they had rendered. He hoped that most of the members would be on the new Committee and once again thanked the members for the trouble they had taken.

K. MATTHAN,
President.

Appendix A	...	...	The Secretary's Report.
Do B	...	...	The Reports of the several Sub-Committees.
Do C	...	...	The Report of the Publication Committee.

APPENDIX A.

From

THE SECRETARY,
Text Book Committee,
Education Office, Bangalore.

To

THE PRESIDENT,
Text-Book Committee,
Education Office, Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit my report on the work of the Text Book Committee for the year 1925-26.

The Text Book Committee as reconstituted in December 1923 continued to hold office during the year 1925-26. A meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday the 26th November 1925 for reviewing the work done during the year 1924-25. A copy of the Proceedings of the last meeting has been sent to all the Members of the Text Book Committee.

All the Sub-Committees except the Sanskrit and the Urdu Sub-Committees met only once during the year.

The total number of books reviewed by the several sections of the Text Book Committee during the year under report is 712 out of 1,013 received for review.

The following statement shows the number of books received and reviewed by the several Sub-Committees during 1925-26 :—

Name of the Sub-Committee	No. received	No. reviewed
English	367	319
Kannada	110	93
Urdu	139	32
Sanskrit	7	7
Tamil	48	48
Telugu	98	96
History and Geography	114	101
Science	56	13
Mathematics	31	26
Religious and Moral Education	6	6
Methods of teaching	4	4
Girls' Education	2	2
Physical culture	5	5
Miscellaneous	26	26

Classified according to subject matter, the number of books reviewed was as follows :—

	English	Kannada	Urdu	Sanskrit	Tamil	Telugu	French
Language and Literature	295	51	22	5	12	51	11
History	33	...	6	..	3	12	...
Geography	41	19	1	...	1	13	...
Science	6	3	1	...	1	9	...
Mathematics	15	1	1	..	...	3	...
Philosophy and Religion	6	4	...	...	...	...	...
Education	6	2	...	...	...	3	...
Miscellaneous	45	15	...	...	8	7	...

During the year, 15 Journals were received for review. Of these, 3 in English, 4 in Urdu, 1 in Sanskrit, and 6 in Kannada have been recommended for use in schools. The number of non-departmental publications approved and prescribed as text-books during the year was 182.

The system of issuing a consolidated notification every quarter recommending or rejecting the books received for review and distributing them among the publishers, authors,

headmasters and headmistresses of schools and inspecting officers was continued during the year.

The headmasters and headmistresses of all grades of schools have been requested to select books for the school libraries, as far as possible, from these approved lists.

Lists of books reviewed during the year 1925-26 have been distributed among the members for reference.

The three books on History in Kannada, one for the Primary and the other two for middle schools, are nearing completion and may be published in the course of this year. Arrangements for the publication of two similar books in Urdu, one for the primary and the other for the first two classes of the middle schools, should be made as early as possible.

Tarikhe Hindustan, the departmental publication in Indian History, has been revised by Mr. H. Abdul Gaffoor and is being examined by the Urdu, Persian and Arabic Sub-Committee.

Books on training subjects for the revised L. S. T. course are being written and it is expected that they will be ready by the end of this official year.

The Departments of Education in Madras, Bombay and other parts of India only approve books for use in their schools and do not publish text-books departmentally. Cheap prices and timely supply may be made conditions precedent for the prescription of books as text-books. This system of approving books for school use will enable the teachers and Inspecting officers to select only such books as are suited to their local requirements. Then the Text-Book Committee will have to review the books and recommend them for use in particular classes or areas. Such a change in policy will pave the way for the production of best local school literature on the most up-to-date lines. Recently Government have approved the prescription of non-departmental books as alternative text-books with departmental publications only in the case of Primary Schools. The departmental text-books may be prescribed till we get better books on those subjects.

Thirteen propositions were brought up for discussion in the last annual meeting of the Text-Book Committee and six resolutions were passed on all of which, action has been taken. The publication Committee composed of seven members met twice during the year and has considered books and manuscripts relating to the Training, Upper Secondary and Middle School Classes. Their deliberations are not yet concluded.

The preparation of text-books in Science in Kannada and Urdu for the Upper Secondary and L. S. T. classes is referred to the Publication Committee for consideration and needful action. As resolved by the Text-Book Committee last year, copies of the notifications of text-books as approved by the Local Examinations Boards have been distributed among the members already.

The question of getting a series of graduated text-books in Kannada and Urdu on Elementary Mathematics for use in Middle schools is being considered by the Department in consultation with the Chairman of the Mathematics Sub-Committee.

A recommendation has been submitted to Government re the appointment of an Urdu Proof Reader, knowing both Kannada and English to help the Secretary, Text-Book Committee, in conducting the work of the Urdu, Arabic and Persian Sub-Committtee. As promised by the President, the Inspecting officers were requested to intimate whether there had been any instances of frequent change of text-books. Almost all the District Inspectors of Education have replied that there has not been any frequent change of text-books.

The question of getting books reviewed by two members as required by Rule XIII of the working of the Text-Book Committee is found to be difficult in practice. Sometimes the Chairman recommends a book on the basis of his own opinion. It is a point for consideration whether the opinion of one member with that of the Chairman, or the opinion of the Chairman alone, may be accepted as sufficient for purposes of review.

For recommending books for use in school libraries, the opinions of any two members with the Chairman's remarks are sufficient (Rule XIII). But in cases where books are to be prescribed for use as text-books, it stands to reason that all the members of the Sub-Committee concerned should review the books with the result that only those books which get the largest number of votes may be recommended for use as text-books.

(1) Selections in Sanskrit Prose and Poetry for High School Classes;
(2) Kannada IV Reader;
(3) Sanskrit Reader; and
(4) Sanskrit Reader II were published during the year.

The selections in Urdu, Prose and Poetry for IV Form, compiled by the Bangalore Section of the Urdu Sub-Committee are being considered by the Mysore Section. The same for V form is being compiled by a Special Committee under the supervision of the Chairman of the Urdu Sub-Committee.

English Sub-Committee.

1. The Chairman of each Sub-Committee is given the discretion to reject books sent for review, if found unsuitable, as recommended by the English Sub-Committee.

Kannada Sub-Committee.

Inspecting officers have been informed that 42 lessons in Parts I and II of departmental Balabodhe may be omitted as suggested by the Kannada and the Girls' Education Sub-Committees.

Tamil Sub-Committee.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Tamil Sub-Committee, books in Tamil, Telugu and Urdu have been received from the various publishers for consideration while prescribing text-books.

Science Sub-Committee.

Revision of the four books { ಸರಳಾರೋಗ್ಯಪಾಠ / ಸರಳವ್ಯವಸಾಯುಪಾಠ / ಆರೋಗ್ಯಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ / ಪ್ರೌಢವಾಯ ಚೊಧಿನಿ } is being considered.

Arrangements to improve the get up of departmental books are made. The Committee will be consulted *re* the improvement of illustrations.

History and Geography.

Arrangements for the revision of Geography, Book II, have been made as recommended by the History and Geography Sub-Committee.

Physical Culture.

Government have been requested to sanction the revival of Physical Education Training Classes during the Summer Vacation.

As recommended by the Physical Culture Sub-Committee, Miss Lazarus is being consulted *re* the preparation of a book on drill for girls.

Methods of Teaching Sub-Committee.

Uniform terminology of Educational terms for Normal Schools is being considered.

On the whole, a large amount of substantial work has been done during the year under report by the Text-Book Committee and its several Sub-Committees.

The Chairmen and the members of all the Sub-Committees have ungrudgingly done the work allotted to them and the thanks of the Department are due to them for their hearty co-operation and prompt despatch of the onerous work undertaken by them in the interests of School Children and the Progress of our Country.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. N. NARASIMHIA,
Secretary.

EDUCATION OFFICE, BANGALORE,
12th August 1926.

APPENDIX B.

Reports of the several Sub-Committees for the year 1925-26.

ENGLISH SUB-COMMITTEE.

FROM

D. VENKATARAMIAH, ESQ., B.A., L.T.,
Chairman, English Sub-Committee,
Bangalore.

To

THE SECRETARY,
The Text-Book Committee,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. T. B. C. 1414/18 of 3rd July 1926, I have the honour to submit the following brief report on the working of the English Sub-Committee during the year 1925-26 :—

The Committee met once during the year to select the Text-Books for both the Middle and High Schools, the number of books reviewed being 282. The Text-Books relating to the Middle Schools were mostly reviewed by Messrs. L. Seshagiri Rao and H. P. Krishna Rao, as they were thought most competent for this work, having been in charge of important